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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION REGARDING CHANGE IN ENTITY SIZE

Applicant respectfully asks the USPTO to change the fee status for this application from large entity to small entity in all applicable USPTO records. Although this application was filed with large-entity fees, Applicant's representative subsequently learned that Applicant qualifies for small-entity status.

Applicant concurrently responds to the Office Action mailed 18 August 2009. The Petition for Extension of Time submitted with the response is therefore being paid at the small-entity rate now known to be applicable.

If the Office any questions, please contact the undersigned agent of record.

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